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SUBJECT: LOCAL AMCHAM VIEWS ON THE US TRADE EMBARGO WITH VIETNAM

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG HAS REQUESTED THE CONSULATE GENERAL CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING LOCAL AMCHAM VIEWS ON THE US TRADE EMBARGO WITH VIETNAM:

2. BEGIN TEXT: LAPSING OF THE TRADE EMBARGO ON VIETNAM
WE HAVE NOTED THAT UNDER P.L. 95-223, HOUSE REPORT (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE) NO. 95-459 AND SENATE REPORT (BANKING HOUSE AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) NO. 95-466 AS REPORTED IN VOLUME 123 (1977) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD THE PORTION OF THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT WHICH EMPOWERS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE TO CONTROL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM LAPSES ON SEPTEMBER 14 1978, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES EXTENSION IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

SINCE 1975, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG, HAS PUBLICLY ADVOCATED THE LIFTING OF THE TRADE
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EMBARGO WITH VIETNAM AND CONTINUES TO NOTE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY AMNY SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES IN ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING TRADE TIES WITH VIETNAM. AS VIETNAM'S OVERALL TRADE EXPANDS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT U.S. EMBARGO BECOMES INCREASINGLY IN-EFFECTIVE, SERVING LARGELY TO LOCK U S BUSINESS OUT OF THAT DEVELOPING MARKET BOTH FOR CURRENT BUSINESS AND, EVEN MORE

IMPORTANTLY, FOR FUTURE BUSINESS.

THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG URGES
THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS ISSUE, THEREBY
ALLOWING THE EMBARGO ON NON-STRATEGIC GOODS TO
LAPSE ON SEPTEMBER 14 1978. END TEXT.
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